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DETROIT MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON ON FEDERAL OXYCODONE CHARGES

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Dervyn Donnell Tucker, 31, of Detroit was sentenced to 24 months in prison today by United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston on federal drug charges. Tucker pleaded guilty in October 2010 to conspiracy to distribute oxycodone. On or about July 6, 2010, Tucker traveled with Toylyn Terell Hines from Detroit to Craigsville, Nicholas County, West Virginia for the purpose of distributing oxycodone to a confidential informant working with the Central West Virginia Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force. While at a Nicholas County residence, the informant provided Hines with \$30,000 in pre-recorded task force funds. Tucker admitted that a portion of the funds represented payment for a previous drug transaction in which the informant had purchased oxycodone on credit. The remainder of the pre-recorded money was used to purchase approximately 576 80-milligram oxycodone tablets from the defendant. At the conclusion of the transaction, Tucker and Hines left the residence and were subsequently stopped by police. The defendant further admitted that he is responsible for the distribution of 2,000 80-milligram tablets.

“When a Detroit drug dealer comes to Craigsville, West Virginia to sell oxycodone, it dramatically illustrates the seriousness of our prescription drug problem,” U.S. Attorney Booth Goodwin said. “I am committed to doing whatever is necessary to root out these criminals from every corner of this district.”

This case was investigated by the Central West Virginia Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force. Assistant United States Attorney Josh Hanks handled the prosecution.

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